

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**  
**2003 Legislative Session**

Resolution No. CR-15-2003

Proposed by Council Member Peters

Introduced by Council Members Shapiro, Hendershot, Dean, Exum, Knots

Dernoga and Harrington

Co-Sponsors \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Introduction April 8, 2003

**RESOLUTION**

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Blue Star Service Flag

3 For the purpose of expressing the position of the County Council that a Blue Star Service Flag  
4 should be flown on or near the principal county administration buildings.

5 WHEREAS, the Blue Star Service Banner was designed and patented in 1917 by World  
6 War I Army Captain Robert L. Queissner of the 5th Ohio Infantry who had two sons serving on  
7 the front line in Europe; and

8 WHEREAS, the Blue Star Service Banner quickly became the unofficial symbol of a  
9 child in the service, permitting the nation to know of those who were giving so much for liberty;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, the Blue Star Service Banner was rekindled to promote the spirit of pride in  
12 our military men and women, following the horrific terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001; and

13 WHEREAS, today, the Blue Star Service Banner is a national campaign to recognize the  
14 sacrifices of America's veterans, including the National Guard and Reserves who are serving in  
15 the war on terrorism through Operations Enduring Freedom, Noble Eagle, and Iraqi Freedom;  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, local, state and federal governments and corporate America have been asked  
18 to enhance public recognition of those serving on active duty; and

19 WHEREAS, House Concurrent Resolution 109 has been offered in the United States  
20 Congress, to express the sense of the Congress regarding the Blue Star Service Banner; and

21 WHEREAS, military and civilian personnel assigned to Andrews Air Force Base and

1 Fort George G. Meade and their families are primary contributors to the livelihood of Prince  
2 George's County and to the preservation of our national security and public safety; and

3 WHEREAS, Prince George's County is home to more than 75,445 military veterans; and

4 WHEREAS, many employees of Prince George's County and employee-family members  
5 have been called to active duty with the National Guard and Reserves.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's  
7 County, Maryland, that a Blue Star Service Flag be flown on or near the principal county  
8 administration buildings to honor the residents of Prince George's County called to active duty  
9 from National Guard and Reserve components;

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the display of the Blue Star Service Flag be an  
11 expression of the citizens of Prince George's County of their recognition of the sacrifices of all  
12 men and women, serving in harm's way in the armed forces of the United States;

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the display of the Blue Star Service Flag be in a  
14 manner designed to ensure visibility to the public, and as designated by all protocols used in  
15 displaying national flags;

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Blue Star Service Flag be flown until such time  
17 that hostilities on the war on terrorism and in Iraq and Afghanistan have ceased as determined by  
18 the United States Congress.

Adopted this 8th day of April, 2003.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Peter A. Shapiro  
Chair

ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Council